

May 5, 2008

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Dear Scott:

Re: Modification to Condition 2.1 of the Project Approval for the Desalinated Water Delivery System

As discussed in our meeting of 14 March 2008, the Water Delivery Alliance (WDA) proposes to refine the route within the Urban Sydney Sector: Sydney North of the desalinated water delivery system that is part of Sydney's Desalination Project. Sydney Water and WDA are seeking a modification under Section 75W(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* for Condition 2.1 of the Project Approval (07_0054), granted 22 October 2008. The existing project approvals are based on the indicative route and construction method described in the Preferred Project Report (PPR).

The proposed refinements to the approved project relate to the section between Campbell Road, Alexandria and Shaft 11C, Erskineville and include:

- Trenchless construction under land identified for future widening of Euston Road, from the south east corner of Sydney Park to the intersection of Sydney Park Road and Euston Road.
- Trenchless construction under Euston Lane, Maddox Street and through the Ashmore and Mitchell Industrial Estates.
- Trenched or trenchless construction (for approximately 100m) from the final launch/receival pit in the Ashmore Industrial Estate to the connection point at Shaft 11C.
- Construction of launch and receival pits at intervals along the route.

WDA has assessed the environmental impacts associated with the proposed refinements and concluded that overall, the proposed refinements will provide a reduction in environmental and social impacts, compared with the PPR routes approved for construction. The application for modification of Project Approval for the Urban Sydney Sector: Sydney North is enclosed, for your information.

Condition 2.1 of the Project Approval stipulates routes for the delivery system and the application of construction methods. By refining the route, WDA propose to maintain the approved construction technology (trenchless), however access different streets from those stipulated in Condition 2.1. WDA suggests the following modification to Condition of Approval 2.1 of the Project Approval (as indicated in bold/italic text):

Condition 2.1 – Conditions of the Project Approval

"without limiting or restricting the selection of a construction method for other parts of the project, the Proponent shall ensure that the project parts identified in Table 1 are only constructed using a trenchless technology"

Table 1: Trenchless Technology Project Segments

Sector	Description	Location
urban Sydney sector	Under residential streets and watercourses	From Cook Park along Tancred Avenue and under Muddy Creek to Riverine Park (Figure 10-3 of the document referred to under condition 1.1b))
	Under watercourses	Under Cooks River (near Marsh Street) to Tempe Recreational Reserve (Figure 10-3 of the document referred to under condition 1.1b))
	Under major rail infrastructure	Under Botany Freight Line (Figure 10-3 of the document referred to under condition 1.1b))
	Under major road infrastructure	Under Canal Road (Figure 10-3 of the document referred to under condition 1.1b))
	Under residential streets	Delete: From Sydney Park, near Mitchell Road, along Mitchell Road and Ashmore Street to the Junction of Ashmore and Bridge Streets (Figure 10-3 of the document referred to under condition 1.1b)) Replace with: From Sydney Park (near the intersection of Euston Road), along Euston Lane to Maddox Street and through Ashmore and Mitchell Industrial Estates (Figure 2.2 of Desalinated Water Delivery System: application for modification of Project Approval for the Urban Sydney Sector: Sydney North, dated May 2008 and prepared by the Water Delivery Alliance)

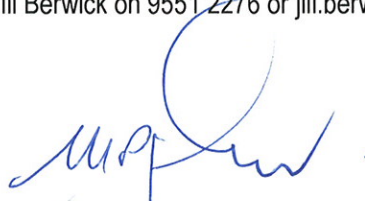
Sydney Water and WDA consider the proposed refinements to be consistent with the Concept Approval granted by the Minister for Planning on 16 November 2006, and that no modification to the Concept Approval is necessary. The WDA would appreciate your early consideration of the subject request for modification to Condition 2.1. A cheque for \$750 for the modification fee is also enclosed.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Jill Berwick on 9551 2276 or jill.berwick@sydneywater.com.au.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

- *Water Delivery Alliance (2008) Desalinated Water Delivery System: application for modification of Project Approval for the Urban Sydney Sector: Sydney North.*
- *Cheque for Modification fee*